

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE June 4, 2015

Meeting Location:

Balboa Park Club
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address:

Balboa Park Administration Building
2125 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Kenneth Davenport – Vice Chair
David Kinney – Chair
Andrew Kahng
Luanne Kanzawa
Don Liddell
Micah Parzen
Rob Steppke

Members Absent

Jeri Dilno
Johanna S. Schiavoni
Michael Singleton
David Strickland

Staff Present

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, Balboa Park
Michael Ruiz, Balboa Park 2015
Casey Smith, Balboa Park

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinney called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2015

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MS. KANZAWA/MR. KAHNG

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzawa and seconded by Mr. Kahng to approve the May 7, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was approved (4-0-3) with Mr. Davenport, Mr. Kinney and Mr. Parzen abstaining.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None

NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Daniele Laman, liaison for House of Pacific Relations (HPR), reported the following:
 - The person that broke the House of Scotland's window has been arrested.
 - Balboa Park 2015 Philippine American Celebration takes place June 5 – June 7, 2015 in Balboa Park.
 - International Cottages will be at the County Fair June 20, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chairperson Kinney reported the following:
 - General Cardenas' plaque was approved unanimously at the Park and Recreation Board meeting.
 - Park and Recreation Board heard from City staff about efforts to streamline the CIP process without minimizing community input. This approach seems to be receiving a good deal of support.
 - The Maker Faire press conference will be held on June 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.
 - The Balboa Park Conservancy and Balboa Park Cultural Partnership will have a presence at the Fair.
 - A total of six members plan to attend the BPC meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2015.

STAFF REPORT

City Council Third District, Councilmember Todd Gloria

- Infrastructure Committee received the Facilities Assessment Report that identified the conditions of all the City's buildings that are owned and leased out. The report is available on the City's website.
- City Council passed the first ever Parklets Policy for the City of San Diego.
- Councilmember Gloria dedicated funding for the restoration of the equestrian statue of El Charro in Presidio Park.

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, District Manager, Balboa Park Facilities and Special Events

1. Free Twilight Concerts in the Park begin June 16, 2015 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Organ Pavilion.
2. The elevator modernization projects are ongoing. The replacement of the Casa Del Prado elevator will begin July-August 2015.
3. Hall of Nations - The foundation and restrooms are near completion and issues with the false ceiling will then be addressed. The estimated completion date is July 2015.
4. The 9/11 Heroes Event has been accommodated at the Marston Point Parking Lot. The route will loop twice around Marston Loop and come no further north than Redwood Circle and there will be no impacts to the Cabrillo Bridge. The event has been scheduled for September 13, 2015.
5. Park Equivalency Update:
 - An update of the Uptown, Golden Hill and North Park Community Plan will be presented as an Information Item at the June 18, 2015 Park and Recreation Board Meeting. As part of the presentation, the park equivalencies identified for each neighborhood will be discussed.
 - The recommended recreational elements within the Balboa Park East Mesa Precise Plan for Morley Field are being incorporated into the Community Plan.
 - Please call Howard Greenstein with questions or comments at (619) 525-8233 or email at hgreenstein@sandiego.gov.
 - Attendance at the Park and Recreation Board meeting is encouraged.

Casey Smith, District Manager, Balboa Park Operations

- The balustrade project is still underway.
- Friends of Balboa Park are currently restoring the Botanical Building fountains and began working on the Cabrillo Bridge Guard Houses.
- Irrigation on the Park Boulevard medians was turned off mid-April due to the Governor's Mandate. City staff retrofitted the irrigation and installed Netafim drip rings to ensure that the trees are watered.
- Zoo Parking Lot Project - Plant material on Old Globe Way was installed in April and early May.
- The City's tree service provider removed more dead and dying pines from the west mesa, including a large Canary Island Pine at the Marston House. The removed trees were impacted by bark beetles.
- City staff has been working to identify ways to reduce water usage in the park. For more information on the City's strategy to meet the 16% reduction goal, please visit the City's website at www.sandiego.gov.
- Balboa Park has two Ornamental Fountains, Bea Evenson and Plaza de Panama, which may be operated for maintenance purposes in order to preserve the fountains integrity (pumps, plumbing, grout, etc.).
- Rangers continue to work closely with SDPD, SDPD's Homeless Outreach Team and the Psychological Evaluation Response Team (PERT).

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Mr. Steppke asked why the turf areas in the Park are being watered three days a week and the residents aren't able to do this. Mr. Smith replied the Park is using a smart water irrigation system that allows Park and Recreation to dial down the irrigation system on a daily basis based on weather patterns.
- Chairperson Kinney inquired about the Cabrillo Bridge Guard Houses project. Ms. Peabody replied that the renovations will take about two to three months for completion. Chairperson Kinney further inquired about the projected opening date for Old Globe Way. Mr. Rice replied that it will open the second week of July 2015.

Michael Ruiz, District Manager, 2015 Centennial Celebration - Balboa Park Centennial Update

- The Garden Party of the Century and Floral Wagon Parade in Balboa Park was a wonderful event.
- The Maker Faire will be held on October 3-4, 2015 in Balboa Park.
- The Centennial Music in the Park series will be held every Saturday from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Plaza de Panama.
- The Centennial Spreckels Organ Festival will occur on Monday nights throughout the summer.
- Make Music San Diego will take place throughout Balboa Park on June 21, 2015.
- Outdoor International Film Series will take place on the Organ Pavilion stage for four Thursday nights around 8:30 p.m.

CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATES - None

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption - None

Special Events

301. **Heart and Stroke Walk, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association** – Presenters weren't present - no action was taken.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. San Diego Zoo Centennial Iconic Sculpture

Presenter: David Rice, Corporate Architect, Zoological Society of San Diego

Mr. Rice gave a brief presentation overview of how Dr. Harry Wegeforth founded the San Diego Zoo in 1916. The Zoo would like to erect a monumental size bronze lion in the front their plaza.

Committee Comments/Questions:

- Will transportation be a challenge? Mr. Rice responded that it won't be problematic.

- Question was asked about the perforated shell fabrication style articulating the structure of the lion. Mr. Rice replied that, that aspect has not been designed and that he feels it's also a critical element.

SUB-COMMMITTEE REPORTS

601. Land-Use and Policy – None

602. West Mesa Subcommittee – Mr. Don Liddell reported that the subcommittee had a lively discussion of perceptions and past performances, with the folks from the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon.

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S REPORTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, July 2, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Balboa Park Club

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San Diego, CA 92101

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lowery-Mendoza

District Manager